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TAGS: PFOR, MARR, TH

SUBJECT: U.S.-THAI RELATIONS

REF: BANGKOK 8603

1. NOW THAT THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR IS BEHIND US, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON HOW WE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THAILAND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT WE HAD TO DO TO RESCUE THE SHIP AND CREW. WE ARE MOST INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF OUR ACTIONS ON OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND AND THE PROSPECTS OF MAINTAINING THE KINDS OF ARRANGEMENTS WE WILL NEED IF WE ARE TO KEEP ANY FORCES THERE OVER THE LONGER TERM.

2. IN FORMULATING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, YOU SHOULD PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER YOUR RECOMMENDATION (REFTEL) THAT WE TURN OVER TO THE THAI EX-CAMBODIAN MAP AND EX-SECRET

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VIETNAMESE MASF/DAV EQUIPMENT REMAINING IN THAILAND, IF YOU BELIEVE THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF ENHANCING THAI RECEPTIVITY TO A RESIDUAL PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES THEREBY. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE COMPETING DEMANDS FOR SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT AND

IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TURN IT ALL OVER TO THE THAI  
EVEN IN THE EVENT DOING SO WOULD IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE  
OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM ON OUR MILITARY PRE SENCE.  
WE ALSO NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION FBIS REPORTS FROM KUALA  
LUMPUR THAT CHATCHAI SAID THAILAND WOULD RETURN ALL THE  
EX-CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE EQUIPMENT TO THE NEW PHNOM  
PENH AND SAIGON REGIMES, A PROSPECT WHICH WE CANNOT  
ACCEPT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT ON  
U.S.-THAI RELATIONS OF REQUESTING AN FY 76 MAP PROGRAM  
AT ABOUT THE \$50 MILLION RATHER THAN \$30 MILLION LEVEL,  
PARTICULARLY AS IT WOULD AFFECT OUR PROSPECTS FOR  
MAINTAINING A RESIDUAL MILITARY PRESENCE. (IN THIS  
REGARD, WE SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD  
OF CONGRESS APPROPRIATING ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH MONEY TO  
FUND FULLY A \$50 MILLION PROGRAM.)

4. FINALLY, WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING A LETTER FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT EXPLAINING OUR  
ACTIONS DURING THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR IN TERMS SIMILAR TO  
THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH A LETTER  
HAVING A SALUTARY EFFECT ON THE RTG IN PARTICULAR AND IN  
THAILAND IN GENERAL. KISSINGER

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